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HARMONIZING OF IDEAS MAIN POINT SOUGHT

LEADERS OF PEACE CONGRESS
COMPARING VARIOUS PLANS
FOR LEAGUE FORMATION

WILSON TO STAY 25 DAYS MORE

In Address Says "New World Is Coming
Into Life and Future Depends
Upon Community Interests"

Paris, Jan. 20.—Marked progress is being made in the peace conference in comparing the various plans for the formation of a league of nations and harmonizing them into a unity of ideas.

President Wilson has 25 more working days before he returns and will try and bring the nations together in that time. It seems agreed that there will be no super-erogatory or common police force. The question as to whether the nation shall contribute force in carrying out the league's decision will be left to each nation individually in each instance.

The general plan most talked about embodies an enlargement of the principles contained in treaties negotiated by William Jennings Bryan, providing for a year's delay before declaring war.

The situation in Russia was taken up by the supreme council of peace conference today.

Paris, Jan. 20.—President Wilson was the guest of the French senate at luncheon today.

Paris, Jan. 20, 2:11 p. m.—President Wilson, in addressing the senate, said: "A new world is coming into life and the world has awakened to its community of interest and knows its future depends upon this community of interest. Free institutions and civilization depend upon it."

DALLAS, ORE., HAS MURDER

Dallas, Ore., Jan. 20.—The bodies of M. B. Storrs, 35, and Miss Lena Brown, 30, were found on the floor of a farm house near here Saturday. Each had been killed by a gunshot wound, and a pistol lay on the floor beside the bodies.

In a pocket of Storrs' clothing was found a note saying he was about to kill Miss Brown and himself because they could not agree. Storrs left a wife in Portland from whom he was said to have been separated.

SERBIAN PREMIER STEPS DOWN AND OUT

Saloniki, Jan. 20.—Nikola P. Pachitch, the Serbian premier, has resigned. A new cabinet is to be formed for the Serb-Croat-Slovene kingdom.

RAILROAD TIE MANUFACTURERS PREPARE FOR BIG BUSINESS

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20.—The railroad tie manufacturing industry, virtually paralyzed during the war through discontinuance of railroad construction, is rapidly returning to a pre-war basis, according to J. W. Fristoe, who announced that the American tie manufacturers would hold a conference here January 30 and 31.

Mr. Fristoe said that a labor shortage was the outstanding problem facing manufacturers and that 200,000 men could be used in various lumber camps for the making.

The manufacturers are expected to form an organization to be known as the National Association of Tie Manufacturers.

BRITISH TO SELL HORSES AND MULES

Lack of Ships Forces Sale—Belgium
to Get 50,000 Animals for Re-
construction Work

London, Jan. 20.—Owing to lack of ships to bring them to England, 100,000 horses and mules of the British army in the eastern theatres of the war are to be sold to the Arabs or destroyed. That announcement has been made by Major-General Sir W. H. Birkbeck, director of remounts. He has also stated that, of the British army's total of 750,000 horses in Europe, a large number of which were purchased in the United States—only those that are sound and under 12 years old will be shipped here.

About 125,000 war horses are to be brought to England, and Belgium is to have 50,000 for reconstruction work. General Birkbeck said: "We want to distribute them all over the country by big sales, in cities up to 100 animals, and to smaller towns up to 25. There is an unaccountable prejudice against mules in this country. At present we have in England about 10,000 mules, many of which we want to sell, but people don't seem inclined to buy them. The mule is an economical animal which does not eat so much as a horse, and for every horse that goes sick, less than half a mule is sick."

CHINA WANTS TO THROW ASIDE MANY BURDENS

London, Dec. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—China looks to the peace conference for permission to throw off many of the burdens of extra-territoriality, according to information received here. The Chinese hope also to be granted permission to increase her tariffs to a point which will give the republic a chance to end the rule of money lenders and establish a more stable currency.

China expects to have Esingtau restored to her, together with all the rights held by the Germans at the time the Japanese took over interests in Shantung peninsula the first year of the war.

All the entente powers excepting Russia agreed to waive all payments of Boxer indemnity funds to their various governments for an indefinite time in consideration of China's declaration of war against the central powers. It is believed likely that China will make an effort to induce the peace conference to soften the burden of the Boxer indemnity by further postponement or cancellation.

WILL EXPERIMENT IN CLEARING LOGGED-OFF LANDS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 20.—The Oregon land clearing plan, which reduces cost of clearing logged-off lands 60 per cent and involves no cash outlay, as originated at the agricultural college, has attracted great interest in Washington, relates H. D. Schudder, professor of farm management, who has just returned from the national capital. Representative Hawley expects to ask a congressional appropriation for trials and demonstrations of this method in different parts of the country.

PERSHING HANDS OUT MANY SERVICE MEDALS

Washington, Jan. 20.—Practically all army corps and division commanders of the American expeditionary forces, together with staff, departments, are now being awarded distinguishing service medals by General Pershing for conspicuous service. Today's list contains Major General William H. Johnson's name, commander of the 1st division.

WILL DRAW UP NEW BILL FOR THE SOLDIERS

ORIGINAL BILL FAULTY BE-
CAUSE SECRETARY GIVEN NO
POWER TO DRAW CHECKS

OREGON FRUITMEN WANT CREDIT

Salem Fruit Union Back of New Bill.
Californians Steal Reputation of
Web-Footers

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—The legislature is expected to re-enact the bill for \$100,000 for soldiers' relief today. The original bill was unconstitutional because it failed to give the secretary of state the power to draw warrants.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—Representative Weeks introduced a bill calling for an annual survey of the fruit, berry and wheat industries in Oregon. It is said that the bill is backed by the Salem Fruit Union, and is aimed at the Willamette canneries, owned by people living in California and who are alleged to have been packing Oregon products under the label "Choice California Fruit." The bill would give Oregon credit for her own products.

Salem, Jan. 20, 2:11 p. m.—Following a spectacular debate led by Representative Sheldon, of Jackson county, who pleaded with the legislators not to permit the "octopus" known as the Bituminous Paving Trust, to secure a blood-sucking strangle hold upon the good roads movement. Senator Thomas' resolution calling upon the highway commission to present the road program to the legislature, passed the house with the amendment that the meeting be next Monday, instead of Thursday.

OREGON'S METAL PRODUCTION FOR 1918 SHOWS TOTAL OF \$3,270,000

Portland, Jan. 20.—The total metal production for Oregon, as estimated by the Oregon bureau of mines and geology during 1918, is \$3,270,000. This includes the usual peace time metals, such as, copper, gold, silver and lead amounting to \$2,140,500 and the so-called "war metals," such as chromite, manganese, mercury, tungsten and platinum amounting to \$1,125,000.

The development of chromite deposits and the production of this mineral has been one of the notable features of mining activity within the state during the past year. Eastern and southwestern Oregon have developed chromite areas that have contributed one-third of the total output of the United States. During the year 21,000 tons was mined and sold. Of this production 15,000 tons was produced in Grant and Baker counties in eastern Oregon and about 6,000 tons in Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties in southwestern Oregon.

The value of other war metals produced including manganese, quicksilver, tungsten and platinum is estimated at \$70,000.

According to a preliminary estimate of Oregon's metal production by Chas. G. Yale of the United States geological survey a decrease only in gold is shown for the year. The estimated output is \$1,270,300 for the year which is a decrease of \$221,500 as compared to 1917 production. In spite of high cost of labor and supplies, deep gold mines maintained their usual output but at greatly reduced profit. One gold dredge in Baker county closed down on account of having worked out its available ground. This caused a decrease

WORK TO START ON JOSEPHINE COUNTY ROADS

LEGISLATURE IS TO PROVIDE
WORK IMMEDIATELY FOR RE-
TURNING SOLDIERS

1,000 MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED

State Engineer Says Southern Part
of State Only Place He Can Work
Men at Present

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special to the Courier)—There will probably come up the first of the week a bill providing work for the returning soldiers and this bill undoubtedly will carry an emergency clause. The bill also will provide that the work to be done will be on the roads and will be a highway bill, the money to be spent by the highway commission and the work done on "force" account by the state. State Engineer Nunn says that he knows of no other place where he can work a force of men at the present time except at Grants Pass and vicinity. He also intimated that if it should prove practical that he would like to start to pave the highway from the south approach of the bridge at Grants Pass to the Jackson county line. This would largely depend on the weather conditions, but it is safe to say that the most of this labor will be put in southern Oregon and a large amount of it in Josephine county, especially the rocking of the Grave Creek hill.

A large amount of the work for which this bill will provide will be done in Josephine county, and it is possible that at least a thousand men will be put on the work.

POLISH LAY BLAME ON GERMAN PEOPLE

Say Huns Are Furnishing Bolsheviks
With Arms—Reds Hesitate at
Polish Border

Warsaw, Jan. 20.—Bolshevik troops have slackened their advance at the Polish border. Polish leaders allege that the Germans are selling arms to the Bolsheviks, who have issued proclamations that they have come to restore order. The Bolshevik soldiers, however, have been carrying banners inscribed, "Long Live the Red Terror" and "Death to Non-Workers."

CHURCHILL WASN'T AN ENCYCLOPEDIA

Dundee, Scotland, Jan. 20.—Winston Churchill, the British minister of munitions, was so heckled by the women before whom he spoke in his home town during the recent parliamentary campaign, that he finally retorted: "I am only a man, not an encyclopedia." His audience was composed of women exclusively and their heckling exceeded that of the average audience of men.

After Mr. Churchill had appealed to the women to stop quizzing him so sharply, they adopted a resolution supporting his candidacy.

FURS WORTH MILLIONS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—More than five million pelts that are expected to bring between \$8,500,000 and \$9,000,000 were offered here today at the biggest auction sale of furs ever held. Buyers from Russia and other European countries attended the two-day sale at the International Fur exchange.

Among the large offerings at the sale, in which every fur producing country of the world will be represented, are 955,000 muskrat, 300,000 opossum, 215,000 skunk, 810,000 Russian squirrel, 130,000 raccoon, 100,000 mink, 118,000 ermine, 178,000 marmots, 750,000 moles, and 135,000 hutria.

Of the foxes there will be 30,000 red, 1,200 cross, 1,900 white, 321 blue, 1,100 silver, 8,500 grey, 6,100 patagonian and 10,000 argentine.

The offerings also include 1,400 bear, 130 polar bear, 1,800 Russian sables, 53,000 kolinsky, 77,500 Australian ringtail opossum, 400 mountain lion, 68,000 China mink, 96,000 Japanese mink, 9,000 Japanese fox, 500 Japanese badger and 6,000 Japanese martin, besides thousands of others.

The sale, managers say, will equal the three combined fur sales of London and will far surpass the New York sale in point of pelts offered and number of buyers present. Unlike the fall auction, however, there will be no government furs offered.

FORECAST FOR PERIOD JANUARY 20 TO JANUARY 25

Washington, Jan. 20.—Pacific Coast States: Temperature above normal, with frequent rains except in southern California.

JUDGE ORDERS ROAD TO CEASE OPERATIONS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—Judge Wolverton, in the federal court today, ordered the Pacific & Eastern railroad, running between Butte Falls and Medford, to discontinue operation within ten days. Receiver was asked for the road last week and W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, was named as receiver.

REDS ATTEMPT TO CARRY OFF BALLOT BOXES

ONLY SCATTERING RETURNS
FROM GERMAN ELECTION
AVAILABLE

MAJORITY SOCIALISTS IN LEAD

Spartanans, Bent on Arson, Are
Beaten and Five Leaders Shot.
Clash at Krupp Works

London, Jan. 20.—Riots occurred in Berlin last night after the Spartans attempted to destroy the ballot boxes used in Sunday's election. The Spartans were repulsed everywhere by the government troops.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Only scattering election returns are available. In one precinct the majority socialists polled 1,028 votes and the Independent socialists only seven.

Berlin, Jan. 19, Sunday.—A number of Spartans today attacked the Hotel Viegner at Breslau where the campaign bureau of the German democratic party was located. After demolishing the interior they attempted to set the hotel on fire, but were dispersed by government troops.

Five Spartan leaders, identified with the recent rebellion in Spandau, were shot dead last night while attempting to escape.

Essen, Jan. 19.—The workmen in this district are beginning to revolt against efforts of the Spartans to compel strikes. At several places, including Krupp's, the agitators were attacked by enraged workmen.

Hamburg, Jan. 19.—The Bolshevik republic of Cuxhaven has collapsed, after an existence of five days, as a result of a strike of citizens, teachers and state and national officials.

WILL STRIKE TUESDAY FOR HIGHER WAGES

Seattle, Jan. 20.—Shipyard workers here are ready to strike tomorrow to press their demands for higher wages. Twenty-five thousand men are said to be involved.

TURKS PAST MASTERS AT PROFITEERING GAME

London, Jan. 20.—Profiteering was carried to such an extreme in Turkey during the war that, in the opinion of a special representative of the British press at Constantinople, it passes comprehension how people managed to live. Writing from Constantinople, he says:

"There is no doubt that Turkey during the war was largely the plaything of Enver Pasha, Talaat Pasha, and their band of satellites. They reduced the country to a state of wholesale corruption remarkable for Turkey, and in amassing riches themselves allowed economic conditions to become a nightmare.

"Nowhere else in the whole area of the war have the prices of commodities approached anything like the heights known here. The right to use a railway wagon was sold for £1,000. The profiteer who secured it bought, say, sugar from Austria or Germany at a shilling or so a pound, and sold it at two or three hundred times its value, making £50,000 or more on a single consignment of modest dimensions."